GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Eco Sensitives Zones
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has made any observations regarding Eco Sensitive Zones around forest/national parks;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sent any proposal relating to Sanjay Gandhi Rashtriya Udyan, Mumbai;
(d) if so, the present status of the proposal;
(e) whether representations from people's representative and other organizations have been received in this regard; and
(f) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b): As per the National Wild Life Action Plan (2002-2016) adopted by the Indian Board for Wild Life (IBWL) in its XXIst meeting held on 21st January 2002 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister, it was emphasized that "All identified areas around Protected Areas and wildlife corridors to be declared as ecologically fragile under the EnvironÂ¬ment (Protection) Act, 1986." The aforesaid decision was strengthened by the Order dated 4th December 2006 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition No. 460/2004, whereby the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change was directed to give a final opportunity to all States/Union Territories to respond to the letter dated 27.5.2005 seeking proposals for Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs) around Protected Areas. The Ministry had asked the State Governments for proposals for declaration of eco-sensitive zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries in their respective States.